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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Richard Shelby
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Shelby:

This is in reply to your letter of January 7, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Doug Meadows, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. (92-235), 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications.

Honorable Richard Shelby

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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosure:
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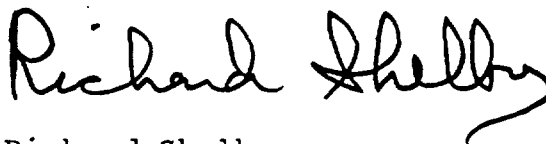
Dear Ms. Solheim:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Doug Meadows.

Any information you may have regarding this matter would be appreciated in order that I may be able to respond to my constituent's inquiry. PLEASE REPLY, IN DUPLICATE, TO THE ATTENTION OF MY STAFF MEMBER, SIMEON SPENCER, USING THE NAME OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSTITUENT IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE.

Thank you for your prompt assistance to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby

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Re: Part 90 Rules and Regulations
FCC Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Shelby:

Effective radio communication is of great importance to Koppers Industries.

The proposed changes to the Part 90 Rules will have a tremendous impact on our ability to operate this plant in a safe and productive manner.

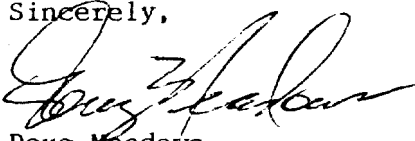
The cost to meet new technical requirements would be excessive.

It would reduce the effective range of our communication and lessen the reliability of our radio system. We depend heavily on our system for Emergency Communication, Production, and Safety.

We feel the FCC proposal to completely scrap the current Part 90 Rules and Regulations would be detrimental to our industry as well as each and every industry with radio systems licensed in America.

We need to strengthen America's industries, not handicap them.

Sincerely,


Doug Meadows
Plant Manager

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